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NORFOLK, VIRGINIA

Ordinance No. 48669

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 14.1 OF THE NORFOLK CITY CODE, 1979, SO AS TO ADD A NEW ARTICLE, ARTICLE NUMBER V, RELATING TO THE TIME AND HOLDING OF COUNCIL AND MAYORAL ELECTIONS.

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BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Norfolk:

Section 1:- That Section 14.1 of the Norfolk City Code (1979), is hereby amended and reordained so as to add one new Article, Article V, relating to council and mayoral elections, numbered and reading as follows:

ARTICLE V - TIME AND HOLDING OF ELECTIONS AND ASSUMPTION OF OFFICE

Sec. 14.1-140 Meetings of council.

On the next Tuesday in January after January 1 following the regular municipal election, the council shall meet at the usual place for holding meetings of the legislative body of the city, at which time the newly elected council members shall assume the duties of the office. The time for any such meeting shall be set by ordinance adopted by council not less than thirty nor more than forty-five days prior to the election. Thereafter the council shall meet at such times as may be prescribed by ordinance or resolution. It shall hold at least one regular meeting each month. The mayor, any member of the council, or the city manager, may call

special meetings of the council at any time upon at least twelve hours' written notice to each member, served personally or left at his usual place of business or resident; or such meeting may be held at any time without notice, provided all members of the council attend. All meetings of the council shall be public except where closed pursuant to the provisions of general law, and any citizen may have access to the minutes and records thereof at all reasonable times.

**Sec. 14.1-141 Time of holding
municipal elections and
conduct of elections.**

In accordance with § 15.2-1400 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, beginning in 2022 municipal elections shall be held at the time of the November general election and every second year thereafter. The elections for wards one through five shall be at the time of the November 2022 general election and every four years thereafter and the elections for superwards designated six and seven and the mayor shall be at the time of the November 2024 general election and every four years thereafter. All terms shall commence on January 1 and end on December 31. Any matter which, by the terms of the charter of the City of Norfolk, as amended, may be submitted to the electors of the city, at any special election, may be submitted at a regular municipal election.

**Sec. 14.1-142 Notice of candidacy and
petition.**

Candidates for the city council shall be qualified voters of the ward or superward from which they seek election, or in the case of the election of the mayor, qualified voters of the city at-large. Such candidates, subject to the provisions of § 21 of the charter of the City of Norfolk, as amended, shall file their notices of candidacy and their petitions in the manner provided by law. No candidate may seek election for more than one seat in an election. A sitting member of council who

files his or her candidacy for mayor or for election to a council seat other than reelection to his or her own seat and so appears on the ballot shall be deemed to have resigned his or her seat effective December 31 of the year in which the election is held whether or not he or she is elected to the new seat sought.

Section 2:- That this ordinance shall be in effect from and after the date of its adoption.

Adopted by Council February 8, 2022
Effective February 8, 2022

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CHIEF DEPUTY CITY CLERK